# A TRUE ACCOUNT OF A Great Engagement Between The Germans and the French, On the Fourteenth of *March*, 1689.

FRom *Elſen* near *Nuis* upon the *Rhine*, tis Related, That the *French* who kept Garriſon in *Nuis*, having given Orders for the *Boors* to be Ready with their Waggons and Carts on the twelth of *March*, to carry two thouſand Meaſures of *Rie* to *Keyſerſwert* under a Convoy of Horſe and Foot, gave Occaſion to ſome *Brandenburg* Troops (who had notice thereof) to place themſelves in Ambuſcade between *Ordingen* and *Lein*, where they continued undiſcovered till the French fell in among 'em, whom they immediately Charg'd with a Bravery the French Convoy could not reſiſt; their Horſe being routed, five Companies of Foot threw down their Arms, and were made Priſoners of War. The loſs ſuſtained by the French, in Mony and other Things of value, is very conſiderable; Major *Lion*, who Commanded this Convoy, looſing five thouſand Crowns in Specie for his part.

An Account of this Defeat being brought to the Marqueſs *de Sourdis*, and the *Sieur de Bartillac*, General Officers of the French Troops in this Dioceſs, they preſently gather'd all the Force they could, in hopes to overpower the *Brandenburgers*, (who were Commanded by General *Barfus*) and recover the Booty; But the *Brandenburgers*, who were reinforc'd by another Detachment that was advanc'd to ſuſtain thoſe in Ambuſcade, Behav'd themſelves ſo well, that very few of the *French* eſcap'd, they being ſurrounded on all ſides, and Charg'd by the *Brandenburgers* with the greateſt Fury imaginable; inſomuch that 2000 French were kill'd upon the place, beſides a great number of Priſoners, among the firſt is the *Sieur de Bartillac*, the Marquis *de Sourdis* eſcaped with great difficulty with about twelve or fifteen Horſe. This happy Expedition has oblig'd the *French* to quit all the Places they held in the lower Dioceſs, excepting *Rhineberg*, and *Keyſerſwert*, and retire to *Bon*.

This little Place as well as *Sibourg* and *Groſenbrouck* are of the number, and we do not hear the French upon Evacuating the the Places before-mentioned, committed thoſe Outrages we might with reaſon have apprehended. General *Barfus* hath Poſted himſelf in *Nuis*, and making Preparations for to drive the Enemy out of *Weſein*, *Zoeſt*, *Artenberg*, and other Places, that as yet remain in the Electorat, and to Block up *Bon* if they pretend to reſiſt.

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